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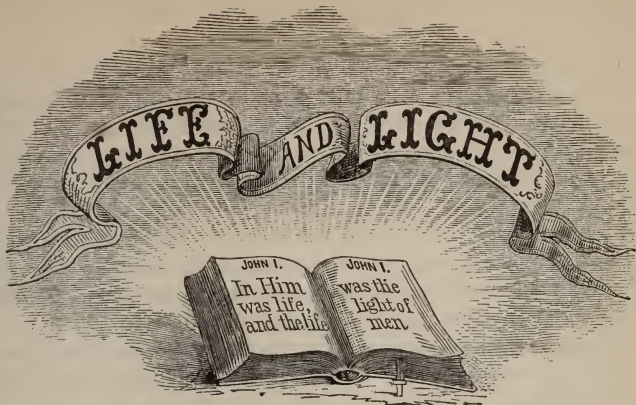
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THE ROYAL STANDARD.

BY MRS. S. B. CAPRON.

AMONG other pleasant experiences in America was an invitation, from Mr. Sargent of the Congregational House, to help myself to some of the treasures in his attractive bookstore. Thankfully accepting the kind offer, I took possession of one of those rolls of Scripture passages, entitled "Heavenly Sunshine." I thought, "I will have this in my own room; and these songs of the Lord shall refresh me in my home in the jungle." When I unpacked it, my room was in the hands of the masons; and I hung it on the handle of the open door, leading from the hall to the veranda.

Not long after, as I was passing through the room, a young man who had been sitting there said to me, —

"I have been reading those words. What does it mean by 'perfect peace'?"

I replied, "Then you do not know in your heart what such peace is?"

"No, I am sure I do not! far from it. It must be very blessed indeed to have perfect peace in one's soul." We had a long and earnest conversation about the new birth and its blessings.

A few days after, he said to me, as he was leaving, —

“I hope that you will keep those pages hung up in this room. Those who come here will read them; and I like to read them myself. They give me many thoughts. The one there to-day — ‘There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother’ — needs explanation.”

So it has come about, that the “Heavenly Sunshine” that I brought to shine into my own heart shall “declare his glory among the heathen,” and “say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth.” Precious, precious word of God!

Every morning I unfurl my standard with its wonderful proclamation. “What is that?” asked a man, one day, who did not know English.

“It is the royal standard,” I said. “It may always be known in which of her palaces the queen is residing by the banner floating from the staff above it. We are heirs of the heavenly King. These words are from him; and we may rejoice in them all the day long. Oh! how poor you are, when you might ask him to fill your house with his presence and he would surely come.”

He knew what I said, and he felt what I meant, and replied, —

“If I lived in this town, I should know more about these things.” Then followed a conversation about the poverty of one far from God, that seemed guided by the Spirit.

A few days ago, I heard some one slowly spelling these words as he stood in the doorway: —

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.”

What a proclamation for Mana Madura! Dear child of God, are *you* praying still for Mana Madura?

Pray on; for he that seeeth in secret will reward you — *even you* — openly.

THE NEW STAR.

BY MRS. J. E. CHANDLER.

ONE day, some six years ago, a woman came to our house in Madura, in company with a village catechist. She was young (nineteen or twenty), and wished to be admitted to the boarding-school to learn of our religion, and to read our *vethām*. She was

an ordinary looking woman, of the shepherd caste, who had been married; but her husband had divorced her, and taken another wife. She had been doing coolie work, and in this way had been employed by the catechist's family, and had attended meetings for a time. She said the first she had ever heard of this new religion was during the year previous, when the missionaries were itinerating with a tent, in that region, from village to village. She stood around, and listened to their preaching, and had a great desire to hear more, but did not see any way, until she went to the catechist's family for work and food. At their suggestion she came to me.

I told her we had no class in which to put a grown woman; but if she would help in the kitchen, and be cheerful and obedient, I would give her a home for a month, and then decide about her future. At the end of the month she had done so well, and shown such a desire to learn, that we had no hesitation in keeping her. She seemed to believe in Jesus from the very first. One day she said to me, "This religion is so beautiful! It is like a new star in my sky." After six months she surprised me by repeating some verses from the Testament that she had learned by herself. At the end of a year she united with the church; and her life has been consistent with her profession.

I have not heard from her recently; but I hope to meet her among the innumerable throng, where we shall see the "Bright and Morning Star" that beamed upon her in her heathenish darkness, and guided her to his own bright home above. When she united with the church, I asked, "Would you like a new name?" — "I have selected one," she answered, and gave me the name *Samathanum*, which means "peace."

TURKEY.

HANUM'S LETTER.

WE give below a letter from one of the graduates of our Harpoot Seminary, written to her teachers. Miss Seymour writes of her as follows:—

"Hanum's father was formerly a shoemaker in Harpoot, but, being very anxious for an education, left his trade, and studied medicine with Dr. Nutting. When Dr. Reynolds first went to Van, he accompanied him, taking his family. Hanum is his only child; and he has taken a great deal of pains with her. She told

me, that, when she was a little girl, he used to rouse her from her sleep before light in the morning, that he might give her a reading-lesson before going to his daily work. She has one of the best minds we have ever had in our school. I well remember the day when she gave herself to the Saviour; and I have watched her spiritual growth with great interest."

"MY DEAREST TEACHERS, — Lo, now I have heard that Brother Bedros will rise to a journey Monday to return to Harpoot; and while to-day is Saturday, and the sun has already entered the west, I am not able to write a long letter, and to write to my fellow-pupils, as I had intended to do. I send you a translation of a tract, 'The Way to be holy.' Oh, how blessed would it be if this translation should be useful to our beloved scholars! Then would my joy in being able to translate the tract be twofold and tenfold. My beloved ones, I believe the Lord wishes to give a great blessing to your school this year; and, while I pray about this thing, my desire increases from day to day. It seems to me that the Lord wishes to give the blessing, therefore with faith and expectation let us continue our entreaties: surely he will give it.

"Behold, these events about which I now write happened Monday and this morning. Six months ago Tavit and Markar, two brothers, who were driven with blows from their father's house, came to our house for safety. Yesterday evening Markar, the younger brother, came again to our house for the same reason. The father had commanded that they should not come to Protestant meeting; and, truly, for two sabbaths they came not, for the father's sake. But, seeing that the hinderance would be continued, they came last sabbath. The father sought them, and, finding them in the meeting, did not make any disturbance, but; in the evening, beat and drove Markar out of the house. He came to us; and we put medicine on his swollen arm where his father had beaten him with a stick. This morning the mother and father's sister came to take him away. This aunt is a wicked woman, unmarried, and from thirty-five to forty years old. She purposely has remained unmarried, that she might enter the kingdom of heaven. She sews shoes; and every sabbath day she carries them to the door of the church, and sells them. And to-day, in Van, we heard dreadful curses and blasphemy fall from her mouth. She said to my father, 'The wounds that the Virgin Mary can give fall upon you.' To me she said, 'Are you writing a letter to Satan (a letter which I had been writing was in my hand)? may

the writing and reading destroy you, soul and body! To Dr. Reynolds she said, 'May that tall form of yours enter the earth, that you may not come here to ruin our land, to take our children from our hands.' And thus with cursing and swearing, and many bad words, she left us.

"A little while after, the father, and an influential man from his quarter of the city, came to Dr. Reynolds to take the boy. Markar said, 'If you will give me permission to go to the Protestant chapel, I will go with you.' The father gave his word, took the boy, and left. While they were talking, my father had gone to Markar's house to talk with the father, and to tell him, that, if he would permit the boy to come to the chapel, he would return home: if not, he would stay with us. But, not finding the father there, he had much discussion with Markar's older brother and with his mother and aunt. When the father came, he had much talk with him also. When my father returned home, he told us of these things, and said his going did a great deal of good: all of them listened with great sweetness.

"My beloved Miss Seymour, I received your loving letter, and, reading it, I greatly rejoiced. My beloved ones, I have well understood the sincerity of your love; and, when your letters delay to come, I never think it is because you have forgotten me. If for years I should not receive letters from you, I should still know there was a reason, and should not think your love had lessened, or that it was indifference. Hearing that the work is going forward in Harpoot and Egin, we greatly rejoiced: our faith was increased, and our trust in God's promises strengthened."

In another letter, speaking of Mr. H. S. Barnum's little boy whom she greatly loved, she writes:—

"When we returned from the burial, my heart was very much troubled. I went to a solitary place, and fell at God's feet, and said, 'Lord, I do not wish to live any longer in sin: I do not wish to be a half-hearted Christian, that I should be warm one day, and another cold; one day joyful, and another sorrowful; one day ready for death's coming, and another fearing it; one day filled with faith, and another plunged into despondency. I do not wish to have such a state: I want that thou shouldst establish my mind, and keep it in perfect peace. I entreat that quickly thou grant me an answer.' The next day, as I sat thinking about my request, I said to myself, 'What is this that I am saying? Can one be perfect in this world? And so am I not asking to leave the

world?' But instantly the words of Christ came to my mind when he prayed to his Father, saying, 'I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.' And this last text greatly encouraged me to pray with more faith that this gift might be imparted to me. And this text also, 'He was made unto us, of God, wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.' Yes, I believe that he is my holiness. I have cast all my soul upon him; and I believe he will help me that the evil touch me not. And I know that the Lord has begun his work in me; for I often see that he keeps me free when I have had no thought, and made no effort."

In her last letter she says:—

"How I should rejoice, if, with the other scholars, I could enjoy your loving presence and your sweet countenance! But praise be to God for my present condition; for I know that my coming here has been very beneficial to my soul. In the days of my exile here, as my heart turns to my native place, I think at the same time of my heavenly home, and my desire to reach there is increased, where, in perfect holiness, we shall see our blessed Saviour face to face, and not, as now, with the eye of weak faith. And in this state of strangerhood I have also learned to tell Christ about every thing, and to give him to solve all the questions I do not understand; so that the way of life may be plain before me. Again, in these days of my strangerhood, I have learned from the Holy Spirit to seek for a holy life. The desire arose, after translating the tract, 'The Way to be Holy' and since the death of Georgie Barnum. And these days I think much about the faithfulness of God, who gives to my soul such unspeakable joy and comfort. Therefore, my beloved ones, how can my soul not praise the Lord for his blessed electing love? and how shall I not say, 'Lord, thy will be done. Yes, Lord, choose thou my lot, and let thy will be done in all things'?"

"In one of my letters I told you of a boy named Markar, who suffered great persecution for the gospel from his parents. Last sabbath, his mother and aunt came again, and dragged him out of the chapel, beating him, and raising a great commotion; so that our service stood still for about ten minutes. Let us pray that our heavenly Father pour out his Holy Spirit upon his work, so that his persecuted servants may confess him with courage. And, comparing the former state of Paul the apostle with his later life, let us take courage to pray for these opposers of the gospel.

"ILANUM."

EXAMINATION-MEETINGS.

BY MISS M. A. C. ELY.

OF the quiet yet decided religious interest in our school, I said something in a former letter. This interest continues, and is a most pleasant and encouraging feature in our work. For several years we have had, almost without interruption, weekly meetings with our pupils; no one else being present. They are very informal, and, from their general character, have come to be called examination-meetings. The object is to invite the girls to a full and free recital of their every-day experiences, their little joys and trials, their daily defeats and victories, and the hopes and resolutions they have for loving and serving the Lord. In the great freedom that marks these occasions, each one feels at liberty to speak of any thing she likes, — to ask for counsel, information, or for the prayers of her teachers and schoolmates.

We often wish that those who love and pray for these girls could be present at some of these gatherings, — see the serious, earnest faces, hear the simple, touching narrations. Yesterday being the day for our regular meeting, I called the older pupils to my room to give them some advice as to their relations to the five new scholars who entered the school last week. After prayer and a few words of counsel, I desired them to speak, or offer prayer. First, Shamman, — married, a few weeks since, to a young man studying for the ministry, — with characteristic earnestness and simplicity, said, “I have been thinking, lately, of the time when I shall go to the villages. I am very much afraid I shall not know how to answer the difficult questions that may be asked me, and that I shall not glorify the Master in my conduct before strangers. If I were going to my native village, I should not be so fearful; but, if we go to Derkevant, I have many fears. I hope you will not forget to pray for your weak sister.” I told her I thought it was often the best way not to try to answer the questions and arguments raised by opposers, but, instead, to turn their attention to plain practical truth; perhaps by quoting Scripture, as, for example, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine;” or, “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son.” I also told her, that if she sincerely loved the Saviour, and tried to glorify him, she ought not to doubt the result. Shamman is a very earnest worker. She was one of the converts in the revival last winter, and is a member of the Bitlis church.

Another said, "I am very anxious to lead a Christian life, and particularly to set a good example to my new companions. Pray that I may not be a cause of stumbling to any of them." Said Salvan, "Pray for me that I may be a true Christian, and live in great love with all my schoolmates. Especially I ask your prayers for my mother, that she may give her heart to Jesus." One who has been a consistent disciple of the Lord spoke as follows: "A few weeks since, my mind became greatly confused. I did not enjoy prayer or religious talk as formerly, and was very unhappy. For two sabbaths past I have given close attention at all the meetings, and have derived great benefit from them. I am happy again. Prayer and religious talk seem very sweet to me."

One who hopes she gave her heart to the Saviour last winter said, "I am very weak and sinful. I see that I often fall into temptation; but I trust in Christ. My hope in him is strong. I ask your prayers, that, wherever I may be, I may work for Christ, and glorify his name." Little Surpoohi spoke of having much thought and care for her mother and older sister, because they are not Christians, and hoped her companions would remember them in their prayers, and also pray for her, that she might be faithful in every duty. Surpoohi is one of the youngest in school, studious and diligent, and, better than any thing else, gives evidence of having consecrated her heart to the Lord.

Margaret told of increased joy in spiritual exercises, particularly in private prayer, and said she was trying very hard to have good lessons, to maintain good conduct, and live in love with her companions. I reminded her, that, a few days previous, she had complained of having too long lessons; and she said she had done so, but would not again. Lucine said, "I am trying to be a Christian. Pray that I may do my whole duty, and help my schoolmates to do right; and also for my parents, that they may receive the truth." These remarks were closely followed by three prayers, when, the hour having more than expired, I told them we must close our meeting.

Our scholars told us, a short time since, whenever we wrote to the Woman's Board, to present their grateful salutations.

"SCATTERING on every side the sweet incense of the Saviour's name." Such is the work of the Christian missionary, which is a sweet savor unto God in them that are saved.

Our Work at Home.

PROPORTION OF WOMAN'S WORK.

THE women of the Presbyterian Church have been censured by some for not extending a share of their sympathy and aid to the cause of Home Missions as well as to that of the foreign field. Twice has an effort been made, through the authority of the General Assembly, to secure a division of funds raised by all existing societies and auxiliaries, between the two causes.

On the other hand, the answer has been given, that already far more was done for the home than for the foreign cause. It has been shown, that even in Philadelphia, where the interest in the foreign work is greatest, the proportionate gifts to the home work are as seven to five; that in New York they are still greater; and that in Baltimore, where the Assembly met two years ago, the proportion in one of the largest churches was as nineteen for the home to eleven for the foreign work. Nor are these amounts a mere fictitious value put upon "cast-off clothing." Almost invariably either new garments, or money, is sent. Generally new material is purchased and made up, because the *making* is a further help to the missionary's wife. The valuation is generally below, rather than above, the real cost. When we remember that a much larger number of churches are engaged for home missionaries than for foreign, it seems probable that at least twice as much is done for the former as for the latter. Whether this aid shall be rendered through the Board in New York, and shall consist wholly of money, or whether it shall be sent to the missionaries directly, is a question to be settled by the parties concerned. But, in any case, that work, however carried on, should not interfere with that which is done for the foreign field.

A recent report of the Woman's Missionary Society of Rochester Presbytery shows the following proportions:—

For Foreign Missions	\$1,921.82
For Home Missions, Cash	\$1,624.37
Cash Value of Boxes	2,127.29
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From the Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church.

What is true in the Presbyterian work is emphatically true in the Congregational, as the following paper, prepared by one of our directors, will show.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

BY MISS HELEN LAMSON.

THE great question of the day, the question pressing on the hearts of Christians, is the work of home and foreign missions. The Head of the Church is calling for enlarged effort in both. How are the American churches meeting this demand? Has there not been a misapprehension as to the relative standing of the two?

Because an organization like the American Board is able to report an annual income of from four hundred to four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is expended in the foreign work, while the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society has but seventy thousand dollars, it is neither right nor just for any one to assert that the foreign work prospers at the expense of the home-field. The greater part of the work abroad is done by one or two societies in each denomination; as, for example, the Baptist Missionary Union, the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the Episcopal Board. As there are so few organizations, the amount of each one's receipts will be large; and so a false idea may be conveyed of the proportion between the contributions of the churches to the home cause and to the foreign. In the home-field, the number of organizations is much greater, as the work divides itself into manifold branches, — homes for the destitute, for seamen, and for children and aged persons; hospitals for children, for consumptives; Christian associations for young men and women; city missionary and relief societies; home missionary work in the Western States; schools and colleges among the freedmen. As, therefore, the number of societies is so much larger, the income of each one is, of necessity, smaller.

If we take the city of Boston, we shall find that there are seventy-two charitable associations within its limits. Of this number, sixty-four are devoted to various departments of home-work, five are engaged in foreign fields, and three divide their receipts between the two causes in the average proportion of one dollar for the foreign field to eleven dollars for the home. From statistics compiled for the government, it appears, that in the year 1873 (which

was not exceptional in the amount of contributions), exclusive of State aid, the city of Boston gave to home charities \$3,466,437, and assisted about one-fifth of its population. The contributions of the Boston churches to foreign missions for a year amount to about eighty thousand dollars, or one dollar for foreign work to forty-three dollars for home.

We should remember, in connection with this subject, that the foreign work labors under one very serious disadvantage. The contributions to the home societies are what they are represented to be; while those to the foreign societies, being in currency of the United States, have to be changed into gold before they can be used. What is a dollar to the home-work represents only from eighty-five to eighty-seven cents to the foreign. Many inquiries have reached us on these points, and, having collected the preceding facts, we cheerfully submit them. While these statistics may be a surprise to most of us, the lesson which they teach is certainly, not that we should give less to home missions, but more to foreign. The poor we have always with us, and their claim upon our charities is large; but we must not forget that the foreign work is based upon a special command of our glorified Master, fortified by a special promise; and that it was his parting charge to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

A LARGE attendance at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Branch gave promise of the "success" (beyond numbers) which, at the close of the sessions, was realized by those most anxious for the result. On invitation of the President, Mrs. Dr. Ray Palmer, about two hundred had assembled in the chapel of the Belleville Avenue Church, Newark, N.J., and joined first in devotional exercises. Then a greeting was extended to all by Mrs. Palmer, inviting all present to the collation provided at noon.

The Secretary's Report showed one new auxiliary in the Plymouth Church, Philadelphia, and mentioned others about to organize, with new members added to the older societies. The love and confidence expressed in the "written message" from Boston gave an incentive for progress, enforced by salutations from the New Haven Branch, closest in relationship.

The Vermont Branch sent greetings; also the Woman's Board

of the Interior. And, failing to come and address the meeting, Mrs. Wheeler of Harpoot appeared by letter, telling in glowing words the need of missionary efforts, and pleading for prayer. Miss Goulding, representing a Woman's Union Missionary Society in San Francisco, spoke of its work, one with the others, who seek to elevate heathen women. The different auxiliaries reported their year's work, which proves, in many cases, growth, and much increase of interest. From the Treasurer, about fifteen hundred dollars was reported as the receipts of the branch last year.

Papers were read by Mrs. Chickering of Washington, and Mrs. Whiting of Philadelphia, both intended to aid and stimulate the home-workers. Adjourning to the church-parlor, a social gathering brought all into acquaintance and sympathy. The afternoon session was devoted to missionary addresses. Mrs. Williams, of long experience in Eastern Turkey, gave her testimony to the power of Christian influence over the ignorant and superstitious women in that land. Mrs. Hume, from the New Haven Branch, gave the motto, "Love for God," the only aim and guide in this work for him. Mrs. Chandler, of the Madura Mission, told of the encouragement in her school, and also in the zenana work, yet stated the vast numbers of those still unreached. Thus the echo of the charge from Boston — that we "go forward" — was heard in the facts and appeals presented. The officers of the previous year were re-elected; and the meeting closed with devotional exercises.

A DELIGHTFUL GATHERING.

ON the 12th, 13th, and 14th of October, there was held in the Island Ward of Boston a convention of the presidents and secretaries of branches connected with the Woman's Board of Missions.

The convention was a peculiar one, inasmuch as its meetings were not held in any church or public building; but, through the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker, the ladies from abroad were their guests for the three days; and the sessions were all held in their ample parlors.

Very pleasant was the home-feeling thus secured in the morning and evening meetings for prayer; and here, while the warm October sunshine rested without on the bright maples and on the sparkling waters of the harbor, we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We met as strangers, "whom, having not seen,

we loved," for their work's sake; but now, looking into each others' faces, and grasping each others' hands, we became personal friends.

Questions for discussion had been previously sent by the Branches; and on these a free interchange of opinion was given, and much unanimity of feeling shown.

On Wednesday afternoon, very able papers were read on topics which had been previously sent to the several branches. One of these, presented by Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, was on "Organization, the Relation of the American Board to the Woman's Board, of the Woman's Board to its Branches, and of Branches to Auxiliaries;" one, by Mrs. N. G. Clark, on "Special Appropriations;" one, by Mrs. Bates, on "Publications;" and one, by Miss Child, on "A Bureau of Exchange."

These papers were all adopted by the convention; and they will be published in "Life and Light," or in leaflet form.

On Thursday the presidents and secretaries of conferences connected with the Board were present; and after some important papers had been read, and topics discussed, Mrs. Wheeler of Harpoot addressed the convention; and her warm, loving words brought both smiles and tears, drawing all hearts to herself and her Master.

At an evening reception on Thursday, members of the Prudential Committee, and other friends of missions, were present; and the season of social enjoyment will long be remembered.

Surely, as we separated, each to our home and our work, we were ready to say, in the words of the grand old Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the communion of saints."

ONE MORE CHANGE.

WE trust our readers will not think us "unstable," that we come again this month with notice of change. They will see in the Children's Department that Echoes is issued in its present form for the last time. The reasons are briefly these:—

At our rooms in Boston, we have heard more than one distant voice, from over seas as well as from this land, saying, "We wish we had more foreign letters printed," "more information about the home work," "more missionary items." "Is it not a mistake that you issue Echoes twice?"

"The Well-Spring" came to us recently with propositions to use the fourth page of their issue for the coming year. As we have

ever felt that the training of the young was the elementary work of our society, we gladly accepted this opportunity to come to the children weekly, instead of monthly, in a form which they will consider their own.

This arrangement leaves the eight pages now occupied by Echoes for the increased demands of our work. We trust the change will be acceptable; and, to make it a success, it only remains that you individually see, that, if "The Well-Spring" is not already in your sabbath school, it be introduced, remembering that it is the child's paper for the Congregational denomination.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

MRS. KATE P. WILLIAMS, Miss ELLEN C. PARSONS, and Miss CLARISSA H. PRATT, recently-appointed missionaries of the Woman's Board, sailed from New York in "The City of Chester," Oct. 23, *en route* for Turkey. Mrs. Williams and Miss Parsons go to the Constantinople Home; and Miss Pratt is to be associated with Miss Sears in the school at Mardin. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus—the latter well known to our readers as Miss Olive Parmelee—were also of the party, returning to their work in Mardin. Miss Hattie G. Powers, who has been in this country for two years past on account of ill health, also left New York Oct. 6, for Manissa, Turkey.

So the ranks are filling up. God speed them in their work!

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 13, TO OCT. 13, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch.—Mrs. Woodbury S Dana., Treas., Bethel, 2d Cong. Ch., "Little Helpers," \$50; Whiting, Aux., \$10; Norridgewock, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sally W. Fletcher, \$25; St. Albans, Mission-Circle, \$3.75; Albany, Mrs. H. G. Lovejoy, \$5; New Gloucester, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. J. G. Leavitt, \$27; Machias, Aux., \$16.75; Madison, Aux., \$10; Waterford, Aux., \$15, \$162 50

Total, \$162 50

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., West Westminster, Aux., \$12.67; Georgia, Aux., \$10.75; Shoreham, Aux., \$25; Enosburg, Aux., \$7.25; Springfield, Aux., \$17; Burlington, Aux., \$10; St. Johnsbury, So. Ch., \$18.75; Lower Waterford, Aux., prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. E. M. Wells, \$10.75; Newport, Aux., \$32.17, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Alvin W. Adams; "Cheerful Workers," \$5; Middlebury, Aux., of wh. \$50 to

const. L. M.'s Mrs. Dugald Stewart, Mrs. Henry Wilson, \$88.10, \$267 44

Total, \$267 44

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch. — Rutland, Aux., toward Daniels Room, \$35 53

MASSACHUSETTS.

Adams. — "Little Folks' Miss'y Soc'y" \$6 00

Auburndale. — A friend, thank-offering, 5 00

Blackinton. — "Busy Bees," 7 00

Boston. — Mrs. H. B. Hooker, to const. L. M. Miss Clara N. Herendeen of Falmouth, Mass., \$25; Mrs. Wm. W. Whitcomb, to const. herself L. M., as a thank-offering, \$25; Miss Parcher, \$1; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$9.75; Mt. Vernon Ch., Mrs. Hall, \$5; Mrs. Colby, \$5 for organ, 70 75

Brockton. — Aux., 60 00

Charlestown. — Winthrop Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Mary Ann Flanders, 88 00

Chelsea. — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$62.25; Central Ch., Aux., \$75, 137 25

Clinton. — Aux., towards sal'y of Mrs. Giles, 46 44

Danvers. — "Cheerful Workers," pupil, Marsovan, 40 00

Dedham. — Contents of mite-box, 14 00

East Charlemont. — Aux., 5 76

Fitchburg. — C. C. Ch., Aux., 49 00

Granby. — Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. R. Henry Davis, Mrs. Julia Bates, Miss Jennie De Witt, 75 00

Holbrook. — Aux., Miss Sarah J. Holbrook, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Miss Ann E. Holbrook, to const. herself and Miss Ruth W. French L. M.'s, \$50; 75 00

Lincoln. — Aux., of wh. \$50 to const. L. M.'s Miss Julia A. Bemis and Miss Eliza F. Fay; \$10 for work in Papal lands; "Cheerful Givers," \$5.65, 65 65

Pittsfield. — Mrs. Thomas Colt, to const. L. M. Mrs. John Tatlock, 25 00

Springfield Branch. — Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas., 1st Ch., "Mission-Circle," \$6; South Ch., Young Ladies' Circle, \$64.72; West Springfield, Park St. Ch., \$91; Palmer, 2d Ch., \$37.50; "Helping Hands," \$3.56, 202 78

West Amesbury. — Aux., 28 35

Wellesley. — Aux., 1 scholarship Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Dakota Mission, \$50; China and Japan, \$85; "Penny Gatherers," \$10, 175 00

Weymouth. — Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Mary E. Loud, 25 00

Winchester. — Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Maria B. Bodge to const. L. M. Miss Martha J. Richardson, \$35; "Seek-and-Save Soc'y," \$17, \$52 00

Total, \$1,302 98

C. Home Building-Fund.

Boston Highlands. — Eliot Ch., Mrs. M. M. Thompson and Mrs. Burgess, for the Burgess Room, \$175 00

Fall River. — 1st Cong. Ch., 50 00

Methuen. — Aux., \$20.37; "Little Christian Workers," \$15.97; Infant S. S. Cl., \$182, 38 16

Newton. — Aux., Newton Room, 100 00

Winchester. — Miss Helen Lamson, 10 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island Branch. — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Providence Union Ch., Aux., \$115; S. S., \$100; Beneficent Ch., Aux., add'l, Mrs. Leonard, to const. L. M. Miss Flora H. Leonard, \$25; Mr. Putney, to const. L. M. Mrs. Darius Putney, \$25; Central Ch., Aux., add'l, Miss Abby A. Peck to const. herself L. M., \$25; Gloucester, Aux., \$11; Bristol, Aux., of wh. \$100 by Mrs. Rogers and Miss De Wolf, \$188, \$489 00

Total, \$489 00

CONNECTICUT.

Bolton. — Cong. Ch., \$17 00

East Hampton. — Baby Freddie Griswold's bank, 25

New Haven Branch. — Miss Julia Twining, Treas., Bethlehem, to complete p'y't for a pupil at Marsovan, \$20; Bridgeport, towards Miss Andrews's sal. (of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. N. S. Wordin to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. Miss Eliza M. Day of Colchester to const. L. M. Mrs. G. B. Day of B—), \$222.75; Canaan, part p'y't for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$25; Cheshire, tow. support of Samathanum, \$25; Colchester, \$3; Colebrook, Aux. towards L. M.'s sch., of Mrs. Henry A. Russell, \$15; Colebrook, "Laurel-Leaves," to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Robbins Allen, Miss Jennie Whiting, and to complete L. M.'s sch. of Mrs. Henry A. Russell, \$60; Cornwall, "Hillside Workers" (of wh. \$30 for pupil at Madura, \$25 for a share in the Marsovan sch. building), \$55; E. Haven, "Young Workers," \$38; E.

Haddam, fr. Mr. E. W. Chaffee to const. L. M., Mrs. E. W. Chaffee, \$25; Haddam, towards Miss Strong's sal., \$12; Kent, to complete p'y't for pupil at Foochow, \$10; Litchfield, towards support of Drupatabai, \$41.31; Middletown, North Ch., for pupil at Marsovan (of wh. \$5 fr. Mrs. E. H. Goodrich to complete L. M.'ship of Mrs. Chas. T. Curtis, Montclair, N. J.), \$30; Milford, Sewing Soc. of 1st Cong. Ch., and Mr. John Benjamin, to const. L. M. Mrs. J. A. Biddle, \$25; Morris, \$5; Mt. Carmel, object to be hereafter specified, \$20; New Britain, South Ch., towards Mrs. Leonard's sal. (of wh. \$25 a thank-offering fr. Mrs. M. Davis to const. L. M. Miss Minnie L. Peck; \$25 fr. Mrs. Henry Stanley to const. herself L. M.), \$50; New Haven, Centre Ch. (of wh. \$18 fr. Miss Tucker's B. C., part p'y't for pupil at Ahmednuggur; \$35 fr. Mrs. J. Dickerman for pupil at Marsovan), \$53; Church of the Redeemer, fr. Mrs. Sam. Merwin to const. L. M. Mrs. L. E. Osborn, \$25; College-st. Ch., fr. Mrs. Wm. B. Nash to const. herself L. M., \$25; Fair Haven, First Ch. (of wh. \$50 fr. Mrs. Wm. J. Morris to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Levi Fowler and Miss Eliza Fowler of Waterbury), \$122.25; North Ch., \$3; West End Mission-Circle, towards support of Luxami in India, \$18.25; Third Ch., infant class, \$20; New Preston, for pupil at Madura, \$30; Norfolk, fr. Mrs. Dr. Eldridge to const. L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, \$25; North Branford, \$12; Norwalk, fr. Mrs. Helen R. Barnum to const. L. M.'s herself, Miss Louise M. Randle, Miss Clara Randle, and Mrs. Sarah L. Steele, \$100; Salisbury, \$21.98; Saybrook, Aux., \$39.58; Saybrook, S. S., for sch. at Ahmednuggur, \$30; Sharon, "Busy Bees," \$55; Thomaston, part p'y't for pupils at Inanda (of wh. \$25 fr. Mr. G. W. Gilbert to const. L. M. Miss Abbie Potter), \$47.60; Trumbull (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Nathan T. Merwin; \$6.30 towards another L. M.), \$31.30; Waterbury, "Five Brothers' Mission-Circle," part p'y't for pupil at Ahmednuggur, \$7.95; Watertown, "Juvenile Miss. Asso.," for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$13.04; Westbrook, "Seaside Mission-Gleaners," to complete p'y't for furnishing

a room at Dakota Home, \$14; Westchester, towards Miss Strong's sal., \$15; West Winsted (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Moses Camp), \$54.60; Whitneyville, for Marsovan pupil, \$50; Wilton, for pupil at Dakota Home, \$50; Wolcottville, \$15; Woodbury, North Ch., part p'y't for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$21; Mrs. John Churchill, Woodbury, \$5, \$1,594 61

Norwich Town. — Lathrop Memorial Soc'y, 32 40
 Pomfret. — Mrs. P. V. Markham, 2 00
 Unionville. — Mrs. James A. Smith, 25 00

Total, \$1,671 26

NEW YORK.

Mooers. — Mrs. D. Parker, \$1 40
 Rochester. — A friend, 5 00

Total, \$6 40

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch. — Mrs A. W. Goodell, Treas., Stanley, N. J., Aux., \$12.50; Middletown, N. Y. Aux., \$3; Phila., Aux., \$14.98; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$13; "Carrier-Doves," \$5; Orange, N. J. Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Adele Greene, \$25; "Buds," \$10; E. Orange, Aux., \$21.36; Baltimore, Aux., \$21; "Bees," \$25; Newark, Belleville-ave. Ch., \$53.18; "Dew drops," \$11; Jersey City, 2d Ch. Aux., \$14; Paterson, N. J., Aux., \$8 50; Heridon, Va., Aux., \$4; col. at annual meeting, \$14.96, of wh. \$5 were spent for Mrs. Chandler's travelling-expenses, leaving a balance of, \$251 48

Total, \$251 48

OHIO.

Cleveland. — 1st Cong. Ch. Aux., \$38 00

Total, \$38 00

IOWA.

Tabor. — Aux. towards Miss Townshend's, \$10 00

Total, \$10 00

General Funds, \$4 199 06
 C. Home Building-Fund, 408 69
 "Life and Light," 164 52
 "Echoes," 1 15
 Weekly Pledge, 9 19
 Leaflets, 6 37
 Interest on Bartlett Fund, 300 00

Total, \$5,088 98

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MISS PINKERTON.

INANDA STATION, NATAL, July 12, 1875.

DEAR FRIENDS, — Many, many thanks for your kind, cheering letters, which did me much good. I never fully realized how much companionship there may be in letters, until I came here. I seldom have the pleasure, in my Umzumbi home, of entertaining my friends; but when post-day comes, especially if it brings American mail, I am highly entertained, and have a good old-fashioned visit, — almost as good as if I had seen the writers themselves.

My first term of school closed pleasantly; and, immediately after it, I went to Durban to attend the annual meeting of the missionaries. Then I went north of Durban to visit the stations, and become somewhat acquainted with this part of the mission, which is much older than the part where I am now located.

First I came to Umvoti, Mr. Grout's old station. Mr. and Mrs. Rood, and Miss Hance, are now there. I am told that it is the oldest station. Many of the people have very good houses, and live in quite a civilized style. The large church, which seats from five to six hundred, in great measure paid for by the people, contained a good congregation on the sabbath. The churchyard is consecrated by the grave of Mr. Lloyd, who died there about ten years ago, after a short but very earnest missionary career. I attended a prayer-meeting in a kraal, where twenty women gathered to learn of Jesus and the way to him. I watched the expression of their countenances with much interest, and rejoiced to see that they evidently understood and wished to learn.

On our way to Inanda, we stopped at the old station of Mr. Lindley, — a spot where he lived for a time, though he afterwards removed to Inanda, his church going with him. Two broken walls mark the place where the house stood; but the spot is venerated and loved by the mission-circle principally because the devoted Mr. Bryant found his last resting-place there. We sat for a while by the side of his grave, and thought of his useful though short sojourn in this land of his adoption.*

* The greater portion of this letter, which was crowded out by the unusually large receipts in this department, will be given in the January number.

Home Department.

CHICAGO MEETING.

THE seventh public meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the American Board, was held in the Clark-street Methodist Church, Chicago, Thursday morning, Oct. 7, 1875. The church, which seats over a thousand, was compactly filled; and a second meeting was opened in a smaller room, at which missionary ladies spoke, after addressing the larger audience.

Mrs. Moses Smith, President of the Board of the Interior, presided. The audience having sung the hymn, "Assembled at thy Great Command," Mrs. Smith read part of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation; and, after a few moments of silent devotion, Mrs. Burdett Hart of Connecticut offered fervent prayer.

The Report of the Boston Board was presented in a letter from Miss Child, read by Miss H. S. B. WALLEY. This Board has ten branches and about eight hundred auxiliaries and mission-circles, and has raised, since Jan. 1, over fifty-one thousand dollars.

Mrs. N. G. CLARK then offered the cordial greetings of the Boston ladies, saying they were at this hour praying for a blessing upon this assembly. She quoted from one of them, who had said, that, in speaking of our love for the heathen, we must remember that Christ's love for them was far greater than ours. When the Bethany sisters sent word to Jesus of the sickness of Lazarus, they did not say, "Lord, he whom we love is sick," but, "Lord, he whom *thou* lovest is sick." If Christ did not love the perishing, our love would avail them little.

The PACIFIC BOARD had sent a written report, which was not read, because of the unexpected presence of their Treasurer, Mrs. COLE of San Francisco, who addressed us. From the report, it appears, that, in two years, they have formed twenty-one auxiliaries among the sixty Congregational churches of California. Their special interest is naturally elicited by the Chinese and Mexicans, while they have contributed seventeen hundred dollars to the Japan Home. Mrs. Cole mentioned, as an example of zeal, an old lady who made work-aprons for farmers' wives, and walked many miles to sell them, sending, as the fruit of her toil, fifteen dollars to the treasury.

Mrs. FRANCIS BRADLEY, Treasurer of the Board of the Interior, gave the history of the Japan Home, for which we had pledged three thousand dollars a year ago. Four months ago we found that that estimate must be doubled; but by the aid of seventeen hundred dollars from California, eight hundred dollars from the Japanese, and the readiness with which our auxiliaries took the twenty-five dollar shares in it, the Home is now paid for; "and, at last accounts, they were house-cleaning. One thing more is required for its furnishing, — one more missionary." *

The President next introduced "a mother in Israel" from the Madura mission, Mrs. TAYLOR, whose countenance is a benediction. She went on with missionary-work in India after the death of her husband, and left a daughter there, — our dear Miss Taylor, — when her own health required her return to this country. Her son is a missionary in Micronesia. She needed to say few words to enlist the interest of the audience; but those words were an affectionate "God bless you!"

Mrs. CHANDLER, for twenty-nine years in Madura, gave an interesting statement of some of the results of woman's work there, — of the city schools, and of the zenana work, whereby the Bible-readers reach the women in their homes, often having audiences of twenty or thirty, and teaching them the coveted fancy-work *after* their learning to read. Some of the husbands are becoming anxious for the elevation of their wives, and for such intelligent companionship as they have examples of in the missionary families. Some of the very poorest children saved a few mites to help pay the debt of the American Board.

The next speaker was Mrs. ALFRED RIGGS of the Santee Agency, Dakota mission, whose five years among the Indians have shown her the necessity for training the girls from their very earliest years, since the women are even more degraded than the men.

Mrs. THOMAS RIGGS, who has been among the Dakota Indians two years, paid a glowing tribute of praise to Miss Lizzie Bishop, her faithful, exemplary, and devoted helper and teacher, who, despite her failing health, had labored unremittingly for the Indian girls. At the close of her remarks, Mrs. Strong of Northfield, Minn., sent a note to the platform, stating that this beloved missionary, Miss Bishop, had fallen asleep in Jesus the sabbath of the preceding week. In the hush which followed this announcement

* This appeal was responded to the following day by Miss Starkweather of Illinois, who is now under appointment to Japan.

of our bereavement, doubtless more than one heart thought tenderly of the sorrowing mother and sister, while yet rejoicing with the freed and happy spirit.

Mrs. E. W. BLATCHFORD, in lieu of a report from the Board of the Interior, gave a message from Secretary Clark in behalf of our young-lady missionaries. In the zeal of outgoing, they readily promise letters to the auxiliary societies which contribute towards their missions or schools; but when they are actually at work, studying the language, teaching, and laboring with the women out of school-hours, they find no time for letters, save their evenings, which they need for rest and recreation. Let us be very lenient towards them, cheering them with frequent home-letters, and exercising the self-denial of not demanding answers to all these letters. Dr. Clark also desired her to say that he looked to the women of the North-west to sow those seeds of missionary interest which should hereafter yield the abundant fruits of liberality.

Mrs. EDWARDS, for seven years the successful teacher of a school of Zulu girls in Southern Africa, began her remarks by saying, "Excuse me if I do not speak with much apparent enthusiasm. The romance had passed out of my life before I went abroad. When I landed on the east coast of Africa, I was warned that only a few girls would be suffered to come to me. It was only after meeting some of the head men of the stations, assuring them we would be friends to their daughters, punishing them, if necessary, but still their best friends, that they consented to send them. Before school opened, nineteen girls presented themselves, with bundles of clothes on their heads; neither girls nor bundles in a very tidy condition. Before long, we had forty-three pupils; and now many of them are teachers."

Mrs. MELLEEN gave, as the result of nine years' experience in the Zulu mission in Africa, that, notwithstanding the deep degradation in which she found the women, there had yet been raised among them family altars and Christian homes.

After a fervent prayer by Mrs. Magoun of Iowa, Miss Shaw of Chicago sang, from the oratorio of the Messiah, "Come unto Him;" after which Miss ANDREWS of Tungcho, North China, made an earnest plea for Chinese women. They need help, and they need it now; and from whom shall it come, if not from American women? If they are to be converted, missionary women must go to them in their homes. They cannot come here: they must have Jesus taken to them. It will not avail merely to scatter

books, for they cannot read: only personal work will meet their case. Those who had been converted were truly so; and they did not cease praying. In one case she visited a little hamlet, and a few were turned into the way of life. Three years passed without their seeing a missionary. Then Miss Porter visited them, and found them still watching, praying, and rejoicing in the faith once delivered to them.

Mrs. COLE, from Erzroom, Eastern Turkey, said it was often asked if it "paid" to teach Armenian women. She answered the question by several incidents, showing the great good done by missionaries and converted natives. The power of converted Armenians among their fellows was often greater than that of the foreign missionary. Many other dear missionaries were present, whose faces it was delightful to look upon as they sat in goodly array upon the platform, silently reminding us of the noble work they had done in Africa, or Turkey, or the islands of the sea. And several young ladies were there, bound for Dakota and for Japan. But time failed us, and we could only hear from one more, — Miss WEST of Turkey; and of her address it is impossible to give any sketch in these brief limits. We must refer you to her fascinating book, "The Romance of Missions."

The audience sang the Doxology; and the President closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration.

In Memoriam.

Died, in Northfield, Minn., Sept. 26, 1875, of consumption, Miss Lizzie Bishop, for a year and a half missionary to the Dakota Indians.

When the American Board met at Minneapolis, two years ago, Mrs. Thomas Riggs made a plea in the Woman's Meeting for some young lady to return with her to Dakota, not merely to teach the Indian girls, but to be, also, a sister and helper to herself. To this call, Miss LIZZIE BISHOP responded. When the American Board met in Chicago in October, 1875, and Mrs. Riggs was called on to say a few words, the burden of them was an affectionate tribute to this faithful associate, whose illness prevented her presence with us on that occasion. A few moments later, it was announced that already had her spirit been called to the "rest that remaineth."

In the early removal of Miss BISHOP, the Board of the Interior

has lost a daughter beloved, — the first of our own dear missionaries called to her heavenly reward. Her fatal disease had manifested itself while she was at work in Dakota; but she bravely hoped that her summer's vacation might restore her. While on her return journey in June, she had a serious hemorrhage at Yankton Agency, where her mother met her, remained with her two weeks, and then took her home to Northfield. It is a comfort to us that God mercifully permitted her to end her days among her own kindred, where the ministrations of mother and sister did all that could be done to alleviate her sufferings, and soothe her last hours.

In her last letter to us, after speaking of her intention to visit Sisseton Agency before coming home, "but our Father's plan was different from ours," she adds. "I speak the truth, when I say I am very glad so many young ladies are waiting to enter upon the missionary work; but you don't know how sad it makes me feel, when I think of the possibility of not going back myself in October. I do now strongly hope, by care and medicine, to be able to return; but, should it at any time become manifest that it will be better otherwise, I shall be satisfied, and thankful for the year and seven months I was permitted to be with dear Mrs. Riggs, and for what little I was able to do for the Indians. It was a busy and yet happy life that I led there. This last winter it was a great joy to me to be able to teach the children's school. I intend to study the language this summer." . . . These few words evince the courageous spirit of which Mrs. Riggs spoke to us in the Woman's Meeting; and we feel sure that this earnest young disciple is still actively serving her Master, under his immediate supervision.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." — REV. xiv. 12.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM SEPT. 15, TO OCT. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Cleveland.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, by Mrs. M. B. Lukens,	\$25 00	is from the sale of a bed-quilt,	
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., \$26; "Cheerful Givers," \$90,	116 00	\$25 for the Japan Home,	\$30 00
<i>Conneaut.</i> — Aux.,	41 36	<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. Heman Ely, for the Japan Home,	100 00
<i>Cuyahoga Falls.</i> — Young Ladies' Mission-Circle, for the Japan Home,	25 00	<i>Hudson.</i> — Woman's Union Foreign Miss. Soc., for a Bible-reader in the Madura Mission,	10 00
<i>Edinburgh.</i> — Aux., of which \$5		<i>Mansfield.</i> — Mrs. Edward Sturges, \$5; Miss Susan M. Sturges, \$2,	7 00

<i>Marietta.</i> —Mrs. G. W. W., of 2d Cong. Ch.,	\$3 00
<i>Mt. Vernon.</i> —Young Woman's Miss. Soc., for the Japan Home,	18 15
<i>Oberlin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and with previous contributions to const. Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. M. P. Giddings, Mrs. E. W. Andrews, Mrs. O. M. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Backus, Mrs. J. F. Siddall, and Mrs. Chapman, L.M.'s,	25 00
<i>Ruggles.</i> —Mrs. H. S. Taylor,	1 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Erzroom,	10 00
<i>West Farmington.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Wellington.</i> —Aux., \$40; "Little Gleaners," \$5, for the Japan Home,	45 00
Total,	\$461 51

INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Charles H. Abbott a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Indianapolis.</i> —Mayflower Ch. Aux.,	24 16
<i>Michigan City.</i> —Mrs. J. C. Haddock and Mrs. E. Kent, for the Japan Home,	2 00
Total,	\$51 16

MICHIGAN.

<i>Adrian.</i> —Aux.,	\$2 10
<i>Armada.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	10 00
<i>Bedford.</i> —Aux.,	12 85
<i>Charlotte.</i> —Aux.,	12 16
<i>Detroit.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch. for salary of Mrs. Coffing, \$75; Sunbeam Band of 1st Ch., \$20,	95 00
<i>Detroit.</i> —Woodward Ave. Ch. Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing,	33 00
<i>Eaton Rapids.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>East Saginaw.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Shattuck,	91 75
<i>Flint.</i> —Aux., for salary of Stomata Arseniseaie of Samokov,	35 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	28 90
<i>Jackson.</i> —Aux., of which from E. W. S., a thank-offering,	130 00
<i>Litchfield.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	14 00
<i>Morenci.</i> —Aux.,	4 65
<i>Nankin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	5 00
<i>North Adams.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Owosso.</i> —Aux., for school at Talas,	29 43
<i>Royal Oak.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Erzroom,	6 00
<i>Somerset.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	26 00
<i>St. John.</i> —Girls' Miss. Circle, for the Manissa sch.,	6 70
<i>Tipton.</i> —Aux.,	4 75
<i>Vermontville.</i> —Aux., of which \$30 is for salary of Mrs. Watkins; \$18 for the Japan Home,	48 00
<i>Wacousta.</i> —Aux.,	10 00

<i>Wayne.</i> —Aux., a thank-offering for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	\$10 00
Total,	\$630 29

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> —Ch. of the Redeemer, Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$12 00
<i>Aurora.</i> —Aux., of 1st Ch.,	20 00
<i>Big Woods.</i> —Aux.,	5 50
<i>Bloomington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	13 00
<i>Byron.</i> —Aux., for a bed in the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> —Aux.,	8 50
<i>Champaign.</i> —Aux., for the Samokov school,	10 00
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux.,	21 50
<i>Chicago.</i> —47th St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. H. A. Brundidge of Great Bend, Kan., a L.M., \$21; 1st Ch., Aux., \$64.60, of which \$54.60 for salary of Miss Patrick, \$10.00 from Mrs. Lavinia Morris for the debt of the A.B.C.F.M.; Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., \$25; Union Park Ch., for salary of Miss Rendall, \$100; Plymouth Ch., Aux., of which \$10 is to complete the L. M.'ship of Miss Annie M. Converse by her mother, \$38.60,	249 20
<i>Clifton.</i> —Aux.,	1 50
<i>Danvers.</i> —Aux.,	14 30
<i>Elgin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, \$30; Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc, for furnishing the dining-room of the Japan Home, \$50,	80 00
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, of wh. \$25 is from Mr. Mark Decoudres, \$5 from Mrs. Julius White, \$5 from Mrs. C. K. Banuster, \$5 from Miss Maria White, \$5 from Miss Minnie White, and \$5 from Miss Lizzie R. White; S. B. Bradley completes the L. M.'ship of Mrs. S. S. Smith of Ridgefield, Conn.,	150 97
<i>Farmington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and, with previous contributions, constitutes Mrs. A. M. Potter, L. R. Stetson, and Mrs. J. C. Chapman, L.M.'s,	35 00
<i>Forest.</i> —Aux.,	3 62
<i>Fremont.</i> —Aux., to complete a share in the Japan Home,	8 50
<i>Galva.</i> —Aux.,	12 00
<i>Geneseo.</i> —Mrs. I. M. Hosford,	2 00
<i>Geneva.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Jacksonville.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans,	67 30
<i>Kewanee.</i> —Young Peoples' Miss. Circle for the Samokov school,	12 00
<i>Lamoille.</i> —Mrs. J. R. Jones, for the Japan Home,	20 00
<i>Lisbon.</i> —Aux.,	22 00
<i>Lombard.</i> —S. S. of 1st Cong. Ch., for the N. China Mission,	20 00
<i>Mendon.</i> —Aux.,	5 00

<i>Napierville.</i> — Aux., from Mr. Henry Parmilee of Lansinburg, N.Y., in response to a request from the late Mrs. Knickerbocker, and received after her death, for Miss Dudley's salary,	\$50 00
<i>Onarga.</i> — Mrs. L. C. Foster,	25 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux.,	25 00
<i>Polo.</i> — Aux.,	4 75
<i>Providence.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$10 is from Mrs. Benj. Dexter,	13 25
<i>Richmond.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — Aux., of 2d Ch. for the salary of Miss Diamant,	292 72
<i>Sycamore.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const., with previous contributions, Mrs. David Turnbull and Mrs. L. A. Brown, L. M.'s,	25 00
<i>Wheaton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	15 35
Total,	\$1,284 96

WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$5 is from the "Ledyard Mite-Box,"	\$42 83
<i>Barraboo.</i> — Aux., of which \$10 from Mrs. A. A. Avery,	12 00
<i>Bloomington.</i> — Aux.,	7 00
<i>Eau Claire.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Fort Atkinson.</i> — Aux.,	11 12
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux.,	52 00
<i>Kenosha.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>La Crosse.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Charles H. Richards a L. M.,	28 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Spring St. Ch., Aux., for the Japan Home, \$25; Mission Band, \$25,	50 00
<i>Milton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor,	15 00
<i>Oconomowoc.</i> — Aux., \$6.60; S.S., \$6.40, for the Japan Home,	13 00
<i>Platteville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor,	20 00
<i>Sparta.</i> — Aux., \$27.65 for the Manissa school; H. E. Kelley, \$14; Mrs. M. C. Kelley, \$5; Edgar S. Kelley, \$5; Paul Kelley \$1, for the Japan Home,	52 65
<i>Stoughton.</i> — Aux., \$2; S. S., \$2,	4 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Aux.,	23 25
<i>Waukesha.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mary A. Dana a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Waukegan.</i> — Aux.,	7 72
Total,	\$428 57

IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> — Aux., for a 2d share in the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Chester.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	14 00

<i>Denmark.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Fairfax.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$6.28 is from the children,	25 00
<i>Glenwood.</i> — Aux.,	14 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis,	88 19
<i>Keokuk.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Er-room,	20 00
<i>Marion.</i> — Aux.,	23 48
<i>McGregor.</i> — Aux., to complete the support of Bible-reader in Harpoat,	18 70
<i>Ogden.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	21 57
<i>Osage.</i> — Aux., of which \$6 is for the Japan Home,	9 50
<i>Polk City.</i> — Aux., \$17; Buds of Promise, \$6.10, for a pupil in Samokov,	23 10
<i>Rockford.</i> — Aux.,	2 69
<i>Tabor.</i> — Aux.,	12 50
Total,	\$322 79

MINNESOTA.

<i>Mankato.</i> — Aux.,	\$6 75
<i>Minneapolis.</i> — Aux., of Plymouth Ch. for salary of Miss Lindley,	75 00
<i>Rochester.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley,	23 00
<i>Winona.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
Total,	\$114 75

MISSOURI.

<i>Breckenridge.</i> — Aux.,	\$6 00
<i>Kansas City.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>Kidder.</i> — Aux., all for salary of Miss Anderson,	12 50
Total,	\$23 50

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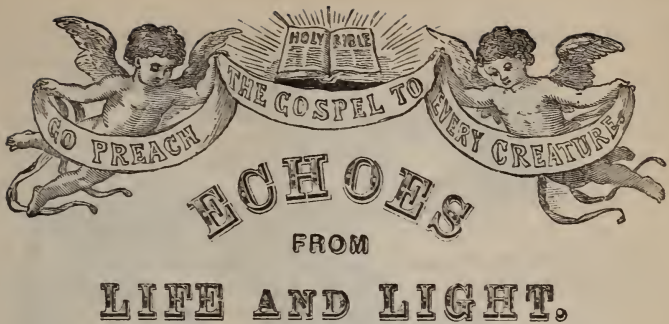
<i>Ashland.</i> — Aux.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

KANSAS.

<i>Paola.</i> — Mrs. N. D. Coleman,	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> — Miss Mary B. Herring, in memory of the "Band of Faith" for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Edith M. Degen of Portland, Oregon, a L. M.,	\$50 00
<i>N. Carolina.</i> — A friend,	5 00
Woman's Board of the Pacific, Mrs. R. E. Cole, Treas.,	500 00
Sale of envelopes,	2 30
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ABDALLAH THE MARTYR.

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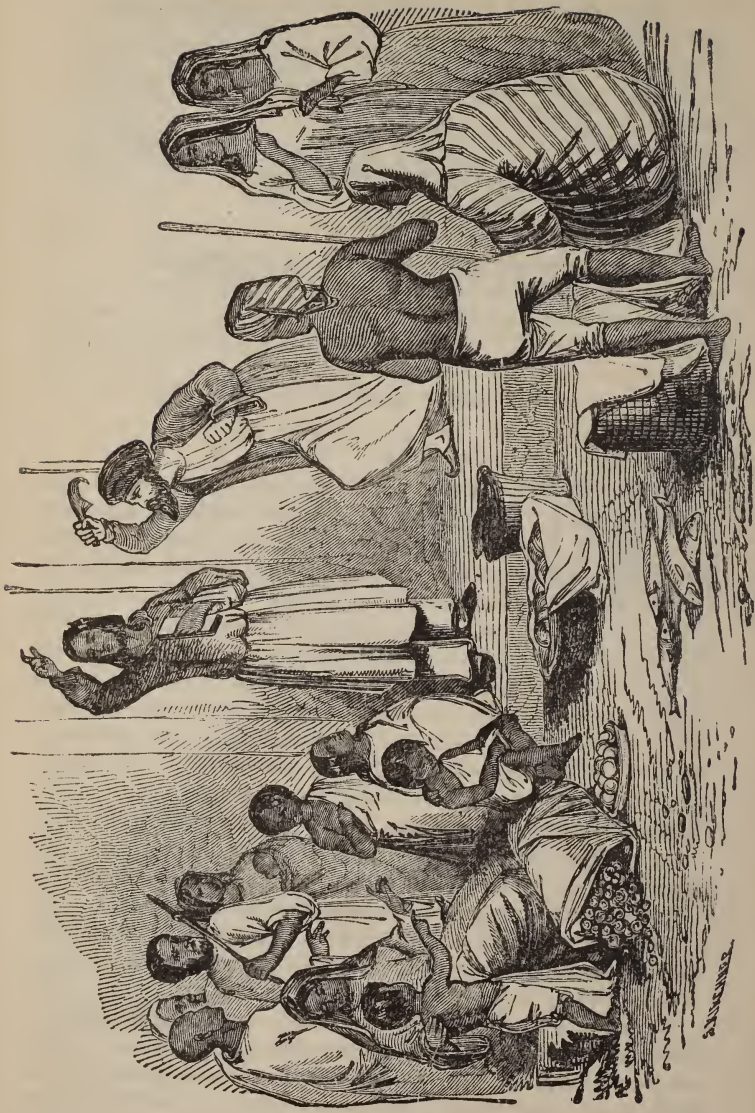


W^{HICH} would you rather do, my dear little girl, — give up going to Sunday school, or have your right hand cut off? And yet that man in the picture is offering his hand to the executioner's axe, rather than give up the Bible, which you go to Sunday school to study. His name is Abdallah. He was once a Mohammedan, and was thought to be very holy, because he had visited the tomb of the prophet. An Armenian

Christian lent him a Bible; and, when he read it, he forsook Mohammed, and became a Christian.

But in Cabul, where he lived, every Christian was put to death. Therefore he fled to Bokhara. Sabat, who professed to be a friend, followed him; and, when they met, Abdallah threw himself at Sabat's feet, confessed all, and begged for mercy. But Sabat had no pity. Abdallah was dragged before the king, sentenced to die, and led out into the market-place to be executed. At the last moment the king offered him his life if he would deny Christ. "No," said he: "I cannot deny Christ."

You see him standing there, with one hand upheld, and the other clasping the Bible. After his right hand was cut off, a doctor came, by the king's command, to cure the wound if he would give up that Bible; but he still refused. Then the executioner cut the left hand; he remained steadfast; and, when the axe



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came down the third time, his headless body fell to the ground, and his soul was safe with God.

You see the wonder of those men and women who are looking on. They cannot understand how a man can die for the religion of Christ.

A WEDDING IN TURKEY.

I DARESAY you have been to a great many weddings in America, dear children, and enjoyed them much; but could you have been with me, the other day, you would have opened your eyes very wide, to see how differently they do things in Turkey. One day, not long ago, we received a written invitation to the wedding-feast, accompanied by a little candy, a part of the entertainment. When we arrived, the men were shown into the best room; and we waited in another, until they had dined. We were rather hungry before our turn came; and I began to think I should like to live in a country where the ladies are treated as equals, at least. I thought so all the more when we crowded about the low, round table, and all — including six hungry children, whose hands were not as clean as yours are — dipped into the same dish, which stood in the middle of the table.

The bride was a little girl of fifteen, and ought to have gone to school at least five years longer. She looked any thing but happy as she sat perfectly still, not speaking a loud word after we had fastened on her bridal veil with a wreath of fresh roses. After she was dressed, and all the people had looked at her as though she were an animal in a cage, the bridegroom's friends came to take her to the church; and we all followed in procession. The minister preached a sermon; we sang some hymns, such as, "Happy Day," and "Out on an Ocean;" and then the ceremony was performed, after which the bride and groom walked side by side to his father's house, accompanied by all the guests. We remained long enough to say, "Light to your eyes!" to the newly-married couple; then the bride kissed the hands of every one present, and we took our departure.

Are you not very glad, dear children, that you live in a country where you can enjoy a free, happy childhood, and go to pleasant schools and sabbath schools? And do you always remember why there is such a difference? It is because of the blessed Bible, that every one is taught to read. You cannot teach the children here;

but you can help very much, by your prayers and your gifts, to sow the good seed, and may hope to reap a glorious harvest by and by.

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TWO KINDS OF PRAYER.

IF all the children, and the men and women, in America, would pray as *much* to the true God as the heathen do to their idols, we should be better people than we are; but the *way* in which the heathen pray, I would not recommend. They are obliged to offer so many prayers, that they have a great many contrivances to make it easy for them. A missionary from Tartary once wrote as follows of what he saw there:—

‘ One day, while on a preaching-tour, I was told that a Calmuck princess had pitched her tent quite near me. Thinking it was a good opportunity to tell her about the true God and a Saviour, I rode to her tent, and was invited in. I found her at prayer. ‘ At prayer?’ you exclaim. Yes, children, at prayer. You are surprised, and ask me if she was a Christian. She was not: she was an unconverted, ignorant princess, and a heathen, too, praying. But you ask me, ‘ How did she pray? and to whom?’ That is just what I am going to tell you.

“ In the back part of the tent stood the family god, — a rude carved image of wood, painted black. It had eyes, but saw not: ears, but heard not. Before this idol’s face was placed a wheel, in the rim of which were cut a great many niches, into which were put small written prayers, purchased, at a great price, from the *molla*, or priest. She sat on the ground or floor of the tent, turning the wheel round so as to bring each prayer right before the idol’s eyes, allowing it a short time to read the prayer, before she turned up another.”

How much good do you suppose those prayers did to the princess? Do you think any one can pray constantly to our God without being better and happier for it? Even the youngest of you would trust a praying man. I remember once reading a story about good Dr. M——, who once went to New York to visit a friend. This friend received him gladly, and gave up his own bed to him. Beside this bed was a crib, in which the little daughter of the doctor’s friend slept; and she, being in bed when the doctor arrived, was left undisturbed. Early in the morning, the little girl awoke, and, as usual, turned round towards her parent’s bed;

but, to her great surprise and terror, she saw, instead of her own dear mother, a strange man in the bed, with his eyes fixed upon her. The little girl raised herself up in her crib, and, looking the doctor hard in the face, said, "Man, do you pray?" Dr. M— immediately answered, "Yes, my dear child. I pray to God every day of my life: he is my best friend." Satisfied that all was right, since the stranger was a man of prayer, she turned round, and went to sleep again. Wasn't this little girl right in trusting herself near even a strange man who loved and feared God, and prayed to him every day?

MISSIONARY ECHOES.

WELL, dear children, I wonder if we are going to make you most sorry or glad. The sunshine is all the brighter after the rain, you know; and we hope you will see it, even if the tears fall first. Your Echoes will no longer come to you, in the form you have liked so well, twelve times a year. Now, are you not sorry? Did you quite know how well you liked it? But listen! Fifty-two times a year they shall greet you on the fourth page of "The Well-Spring," which I hope you have loved too. Will you run and ask your mother, your superintendent, to write as quickly as they can, and order "The Well-Spring" for next year?

Let me tell you a little secret about it all. We shall give you three times as many goodies as you had before. And so, you see, we shall hope you will often have something to say to us, which will be so interesting we can't help printing it for all to read. But you know we are still "Missionary Echoes:" so it must be about something you are trying to do for our Saviour, through the poor people who have not yet found out how he loves them. Ah! do we any of us know that? Well, we shall know better and better, always, if we only let him love us.

I am making too long a story, I fear; but perhaps you will read a few words more, which will tell something of our hopes for the new Echoes. This summer I was sailing—no, rowing; the wind would not blow just then: so rowing it was—on an arm of the sea, which ran up nine miles into the land, between high hills at first, which grew lower and lower as the head of the sound drew near. One of the cliffs under which we rowed was very perpendicular, and over five hundred feet high; and so steep it looked as

if some huge knife had sliced it from top to bottom. Opposite was a quieter mountain, which sloped softly away till the sky seemed to fold lovingly around it. Other hills were about. But what I wanted to tell you was, that, about midway on the water, we took up our oars, and shouted, "Good-morning to you, friend!"

Who was it that answered in such a deepened tone, "Morning to you, friend"? Another took up the words, a little fainter; and another still. Three times, distinctly, we heard the words and rumbles long afterwards. A little girl in the boat, in her high, clear treble, invited our unknown to "come out, and show yourself;" and the response expressed a like desire, but in still clearer treble. It was both weird and strange to listen to these unseen voices; but I cannot stay to tell you of all our half-hour's amusement with these echoes. You have tried it, perhaps, yourself; though I doubt if you ever found just such a place as this.

I wanted, rather, to ask you if you would make our name true, and repeat to the children you see what you hear from us, only making it more clear and bright, as this wonderful place did all for us? We older ones are only echoes, you know. "We love him because he first loved us." Now, would you not be glad, if you might help some one to this love? Who shall say that one way for you may not be through our little paper, which we and you will try to make better and better every week?

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Taught by Jesus.

BY MRS. C. B. DANA.

THE mind intent on serving
 Will taught of Jesus be;
 And youngest hearts who love him
 May ways of service see.
 Bringing our hearts to Jesus,
 Our loving praises too,
 We know he will receive us,
 And teach us what to do.

The love of Jesus prompts us
 Our mites to earn and give,

To send the blessed Bible
 Where heathen children live;
 That those who worship idols
 May learn the better way, —
 To know and love the Saviour,
 And serve him every day.

To bow in heart to Jesus,
 God's Son, our Saviour, Friend.
 From death and sin he frees us:
 Our love should know no end:
 And though the gold and silver,
 Dear Lord, are all thine own,
 The gift we love to render
 Before thy heavenly throne.

ANSWERS TO ENIGMAS.

October Number. — "Let all your things be done with charity."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the October number from C. S., Augusta, Me; Mrs. J. M. H., Rutland, Vt.; H., South Milford, Mass.; N. W. C., Winchester, Mass.; M. C. F., Lincoln, Mass.; M. R. C., West Roxbury, Mass.; M. C. F., South Boston, Mass.; K.; Moodus, Conn.; A. B., Norfolk, Conn.; and E. M. B., Ellington, Conn.

November Number. — "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

We have also received correct answers to this enigma from S. H. B., Ware, Mass.; S. E., Norfolk, Conn.; M. S. P., Washington, D.C.

As this is the last number of Echoes, we do not give an enigma, as there will be no opportunity to publish the answer. We think our little readers have enjoyed studying out gospel truths and promises in this way; and we hope every one of them will be sure to look for the enigmas and acrostics in "The Well-Spring and Missionary Echoes," which, we trust, will prove a brighter and still more welcome visitor than "Echoes from Life and Light."

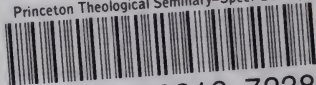


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